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In re Application of:

ECKHARD ALT

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Title: TUBULAR STENT WITH OVAL STRUTS

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

## Type of Declaration

This declaration is made in a continuation of an original application for utility patent.

## Inventorship and Specification Identification

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth above, the specification of which was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on the date and designated by the serial number set forth above.

## Acknowledgment of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a).

## Claim of Priority

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I hereby claim the priority of application Serial No. 09/186,573, filed November 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,159,237, of which this application is a continuation, and of application Serial No. 08/599,880, filed February 14, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,117, of which the '573 application is a continuation.

### Power of Attorney

As the named inventor, I hereby appoint Donald R. Greene, Reg. No. 22,470, as principal attorney with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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